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Two Thousand Venezuelan Soldiers Reach Caracas and Enlistment Continues.

LA GUAIRA IS NOW BLOCKADED.

Leading German and British Residents Very Bitter Against Their Respective Ministers—The United States Closely Watching Events.

Puerto Cabello, Dec. 15.—The British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta bombarded the fortress here at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon and quickly silenced it. The bombardment lasted for 45 minutes. The fortress is composed of Fort Solano and the Castle Libertador. After the firing ceased the Charybdis sent marines to occupy the castle. The fortress was almost demolished. It is probable that only a few persons were injured by the shelling. The commander of Castle Libertador has been taken prisoner. The cruisers are still here.

The people of Puerto Cabello cannot account for this precipitate action on the part of the allies, which they consider to be proof that Great Britain and Germany intend forcing war upon Venezuela.

The British marines purpose to make use of the cannon in Castle Libertador. No damage was done to the town. The excitement of the people is subsiding.

Blockading La Guaira. London, Dec. 15.—In a dispatch from Willemstad, Curacao, dated Dec. 14, the correspondent of the Daily Mail says the Anglo-German warships are blockading La Guaira. The steamer Yucatan was warned by the British cruiser Indefatigable not to enter La Guaira and returned to Curacao.

The Venezuelan government has declined the offer of a loan, made by a German banker of Caracas, to settle the claims against it.

British Legation Reopened. Caracas, Dec. 15.—The British legation here was reopened Saturday night under the American flag by W. W. Russell, secretary of the American legation.

The statement that Italy, through her legation here, is to demand payment of her claims against Venezuela has been confirmed.

The situation in Caracas continues to be critical and there is intense excitement among the German residents of the city. Saturday the Germans sought refuge at the American legation, where they will be sheltered. Mr. Bowen has gotten in quantities of all kinds of provisions, to be prepared for any emergency.

The enlistment of Venezuelan soldiers continues. Two thousand men from the provinces of Caracas and Valencia came into this city Saturday. Priests are preaching for war. It is reported that 90 Germans living in the country have offered to support the Venezuelan government.

Bitter Against Ministers. Leading German and British residents of Caracas are very bitter against their respective ministers, whom they accuse of leaving Caracas without giving any intimation of their intention to abandon the city.

The people of Caracas are astonished that the government at Washington remains silent in spite of the recent acts of the allied fleet.

The fact that the people of Venezuela are in absolute ignorance of the designs of the allies upon their country creates a deep and disturbing impression here. The chief officer of President Castro's guard said Saturday to the representative of the Associated Press:

"If there is to be war, let us know, and we will fight. If there is to be only an assault on our coast, where we cannot reach the allies, the only thing left for us to do is to declare that to destroy your debtors' furniture is a strange way to force the payment of his obligation. I believe this situation will soon come within the scope of the Monroe doctrine."

Closely Watching. Washington, Dec. 15.—Minister Bowen, in a dispatch received by the state department yesterday afternoon, cabled that he had been informed by President Castro that British and German warships were bombarding Puerto Cabello.

Aside from the dispatches from Minister Bowen there were no important developments in the Venezuelan situation, so far as the state department is concerned. The officials are watching events with keen interest, so as to be able to act promptly should such a step become necessary, but nothing was done yesterday, except to make some representations to the German and English governments in the matter of the peaceful blockade now being enforced by those governments in Venezuelan waters.

Cautionary Measure. In the matter of the blockade the secretary has instructed our ambassadors at Berlin and London to represent to these governments that the United States must not be understood as giving its consent to any extension of the international right of peaceful blockade. It is not known that this instruction was called forth by any incident making such representation necessary. It was made simply as a cautionary measure and gives the attitude of this government should any development arise making its position a matter of importance.

AIMED AT THE UNITED STATES.

Speeches Delivered in the German Reichstag Show the New Tariff Bill is a Blow at America.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—During the debate of the third reading of the tariff bill in the reichstag Saturday it was evident from many speeches delivered by members of the majority that the bill is aimed chiefly at the United States. This was clear even when the United States was not named, for it was understood that the term "abroad" referred to America.

Saturday night Dr. Paasche, National Liberal, made a pointed reference to the United States, which most of the newspapers yesterday morning failed to print. The Deutsche Tages Zeitung, the leading Agrarian organ, however, publishes Dr. Paasche's remarks in heavy-faced type. They are doubly interesting since they disclose the government's policy with regard to future treaty negotiations.

"We expect," said Dr. Paasche, "that the government will undertake a thoroughgoing revision of all treaties giving the most favored nation advantages. Promises of this kind were made to us in committee. We have absolutely no occasion to concede anything to such nations as are glad to take what we give other countries without making us any concession in return. The United States has introduced the limitation of the most favored nation clause; we have every reason to act in precisely the same manner."

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

Santiago De Chile, Dec. 15.—The international exposition was opened here yesterday. A great many people, including President Riesco and other officials, were present.

London, Dec. 15.—Lieutenant Colonel H. J. Foster, commanding the Royal engineers on the island of Guernsey, has been appointed military attache to the British embassy at Washington.

Rome, Dec. 15.—Cardinal Martinelli has recommended to the congregation of the propaganda the appointment of Rev. J. F. Regis Canavan, rector of Rev. J. F. Regis Canavan, rector the post of coadjutor bishop of Pittsburg.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Although the strike at Marseilles has now lasted for three weeks, no serious disturbances of order has yet occurred. The nearest approach to rioting was the disorder of Friday, when the strikers attempted to destroy the track in front of a car loaded with coal, several persons being wounded.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 15.—General Alexis Nord, who was minister under the provisional government, entered the capital of Hayti yesterday at the head of his army. He was accorded a sympathetic reception by the people. General Nord's intentions are not known. It is generally believed that in case he announces himself a candidate for the presidency, his election to that office is assured by reason of the numerous force at his command.

TRAIN FELL THROUGH BRIDGE.

Two Dead and Six Badly Injured and Many Bodies Still Remain Under Wreckage.

Brookfield, Mo., Dec. 15.—The identity of all the persons killed in the wreck on the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad, just east of this city, early yesterday morning, has not yet been determined, as there are known to be in the wreckage the bodies of men whose identity will not be known until the wreckage shall be cleared away.

The bodies of the following have been recovered: James Murphy, roadmaster; Arthur Hyatt and Thomas Ainsworth, bridge men.

The injured, some of whom will die are: Thomas Phelan, conductor; Harry Steele, brakeman; W. Goode engineer; Texas Leatherman, brakeman; R. Green, fireman; C. McDonald, brakeman.

The Brookfield wrecking train was on its way to the scene of an unimportant freight wreck, which occurred early in the evening, when the crane of the wrecker struck the overhead portion of the steel bridge, just east of this city, and under the strain and the force of the engine pushing the wrecker the bridge gave way and the entire train crashed into the water below. The injured men were brought to this city.

Well-Known Priest Dead. Toledo, Dec. 15.—Rev. Edward Hanon, one of the best known Catholic priests in the country, and the pastor of St. Patrick's church here for 40 years, died at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. He was 75 years of age, and on April 14 last dedicated a \$160,000 church, which he had designed himself. He also superintended the construction. Archbishop Ireland officiated at this dedication as a personal compliment to Father Hanon.

Tribe Will Become Extinct. Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 15.—Dr. Wymann, government physician at the Sac and Fox Indian agency, in Oklahoma, announces that a large majority of the tribe are afflicted with tuberculosis, scrofula and other incurable diseases, and adds that the tribe will be extinct within a few years. The latest report says there are left but 479 members of the once powerful tribe.

Handle Factory Sold. Greensburg, Dec. 15.—The old handle factory at Manor, owned by Deam or Bros., has been purchased by a stock company with a capital of \$150,000. H. L. Greer and J. L. McKean, of Wilmerding, are among the moneyed men interested.

THE MILITIA BILL.

Senator Proctor is Working to Have the Measure Made a Law Before Holidays.

WILL BE DULL WEEK IN HOUSE.

No Fixed Program for Lower Branch.

How to Prevent the Spread of Contagious Diseases in Live Stock Will Be Taken Up Tomorrow.

Washington, Dec. 15.—After the routine morning business in the senate was disposed of today Senator Proctor asked the senate to take up the bill for the reorganization of the militia force of the United States, and he will continue to bring it forward each day in the morning hour, with the hope of securing action early in the week and of having it become a law before adjournment for the Christmas holidays.

At 2 o'clock the statehood bill was again taken up and Senator Dillingham addressed the senate in opposition to the admission of New Mexico and Arizona. He spoke at length, quoting from the testimony taken by the sub-committee which visited those territories and giving his personal experiences as a member of that committee. The statehood bill will continue each day of the week, except Wednesday, to be the order of business after 2 o'clock. Wednesday, by special order, has been set apart for eulogies in memory of the late Senator Sewell, of New Jersey.

Will Speak in Opposition.

The present program on the statehood bill is for Senator Nelson, also a member of the committee on territories, to follow Senator Dillingham. Senator Nelson will be succeeded by Senators Burnham and Keam. After these members of the committee other senators will speak in opposition to the bill. Senator Beveridge, chairman of the committee, will close the debate. He also will be heard frequently during the course of the debate on points as they come up. The senate will adjourn on Saturday for the holidays and not even the friends of the bill express confidence of action on the measure before that time.

In case opportunity offers, Senator Penrose will make an effort to get up the immigration bill at odd times during the week, with the hope of securing action on it, but the prospect now is that it will go over until after the Christmas adjournment. In all probability the bill making an appropriation for the prosecution of the agricultural department's fight on the foot and mouth cattle disease in New England will be passed during the week.

House Forecast.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The prospects are for an uninteresting week in the house. Today is District of Columbia day, and the bill to give the secretary of agriculture power to make regulations to prevent the spread of contagious diseases in live stock has been set for Tuesday. Beyond this and the consideration of an urgent deficiency bill, which will follow, there is no fixed program. The committees may be called and some odds and ends of legislation disposed of before the adjournment for the Christmas holidays next Saturday.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Landing and Splicing of Shore End Successfully Accomplished.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—"In memory of John W. Mackay, I christen the Pacific cable. May it always carry messages of happiness."

With these words, Lucille Gage, 11-year-old daughter of H. L. Gage, governor of California, yesterday christened the trans-Pacific cable, and breaking a bottle of champagne over the shore end, inaugurated a new era in the commercial development of the Pacific coast. The landing and splicing of the shore end, which is to connect the main land with Honolulu, was accomplished without hitch and was witnessed by nearly 40,000 people. Ideal weather prevailed, there being scarcely any surf.

Engineer and Fireman Killed.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The east-bound express on the Chesapeake and Ohio railway was derailed at 9:45 Saturday night at Whitcomb, W. Va., by a landslide of rock, caused by the long and continued rains during the past two or three days. The engine, postal car and baggage car were derailed and the engineer and fireman killed. The baggage master was hurt slightly, but the postal clerks were uninjured. No passengers on the train were hurt. The track was cleared early yesterday morning and the train proceeded eastward.

Business Part of Town Burned. Centerville, Md., Dec. 15.—The business portion of this city was devastated by fire early yesterday morning, entailing a loss of about \$150,000, with insurance of \$80,000. A high wind rendered the work of the local volunteer fire department inadequate and a special train brought two engine companies from Wilmington, Del., whose work soon subdued the flames.

Fire in Big Pottery. Beaver Falls, Pa., Dec. 15.—Mayer Bros. pottery was damaged \$3,000 by fire Saturday night. The blaze was discovered in the packing and decorating department and it took two hours to extinguish it.

EXPLOSION OF GAS IN TUNNEL.

Two Killed, Two Fatally Burned and Others Seriously Injured Under Lake Erie.

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—Two men were instantly killed, two others perhaps fatally burned and a number of others less seriously burned in an explosion of gas in the water works tunnel 100 feet below the bottom of Lake Erie yesterday afternoon. The dead: Ben Rudner, Rochester, N. Y., aged 21, unmarried; Arthur Bolger, Canton, O., aged 24, unmarried. The injured: William Knox, Brooklyn, civil engineer, seriously burned about head, face and body, will probably die; James Ossman, Williamstown, Pa., burned about head and face, condition serious. Others seriously burned are: Edward Ingleson, Cleveland; Peter Carlin, Cleveland; Henry Kapfner, Canton; John Powers, Cleveland; Albert Arnet, Cleveland, and Ernest Bures, Cleveland.

The cause of the explosion, it is believed, was a spark from the joining of two electric light wires in the tunnel, thus igniting the accumulated gas. The bodies of Rudner and Bolger were found some distance away from the scene of the explosion by a rescuing party.

MRS. ULYSSES S. GRANT DEAD.

Widow of Eminent General and Statesman Passes Away at Washington of Heart Disease.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, widow of President Grant, died at her residence in this city at 11:17 o'clock last night. Death was due to heart failure, Mrs. Grant having suffered for some years from valvular disease of the heart, which was aggravated by a severe attack of bronchitis. Her age prevented her rallying from the attacks. Her daughter, Nellie Grant Sartoris, was the only one of her children with her at the time of her death, her three sons who had been summoned here, all being out of the city.

HAD BEEN MURDERED.

Jacob Bostick, Track Walker, Found With His Skull Crushed.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 15.—Saturday night two colored men found Jacob Bostick, aged 55, a Pennsylvania railroad track walker, residing at Bainbridge, lying on the railroad about half a mile east of that place, with his skull crushed. He was still alive. The men, who found him are employed in a stone quarry in that neighborhood. They summoned their fellow quarrymen, but before assistance arrived and without having made a statement, Bostick died. The verdict of a coroner's inquest was that he had met an accidental death, but yesterday afternoon a bloody pick-handle with matted hair clinging to it, found where the body was discovered, proved that he had been murdered. It is believed that the murderers knew Bostick had drawn his wages Saturday, and hoped to get it. They took his pocketbook, but he had left the money at his home. Apparently Bostick had been felled from behind and then thrown on the track to give the appearance of an accident. The police are working on a clue that points to the guilt of two men.

Mitchell Has No Opposition.

Indianapolis, Dec. 15.—Secretary Wilson, of the United Mine Workers, is sending out the lists of candidates for the coming election of officers of the national organization, with the blanks upon which returns are to be made to the various locals throughout the country. In selecting the national officials this time the new system of a referendum vote by the members of the organization, which was decided on at the last session will be followed. Mr. Mitchell has no opposition for the presidency.

Coal for the East.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 15.—The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company had over 20 locomotives in service transporting coal to market Saturday and yesterday. The company claims that 75,000 tons were started Saturday night and yesterday and is now on the road. Most of it is destined for the large eastern cities. The motive power of the company has never before been taxed as it is at the present.

Starts to Walk and Falls Dead.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Chas. Glass, a section foreman on the Norfolk and Western railway, was struck by a fast passenger train near Kimball and hurled more than 50 feet. Glass arose and walked probably 100 yards, when he suddenly fell dead.

Three Badly Burned.

Monaca, Dec. 14.—As the result of the explosion of a crucible containing molten metal at the Opalite tile works Saturday night, three men were badly burned. The injured were Fred Durbin, William Linsman and John Linsman.

Biscuit Plant Damaged.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 15.—The plant of the Payton Biscuit company Saturday night was damaged several thousand dollars by fire. The plant will not be able to resume operations for some time.

Major Shaw Dead.

Baltimore, Dec. 15.—Major Alexander Shaw, financier, coal operator and philanthropist, died suddenly of heart failure at his home in this city late Saturday night.

Loss, \$60,000.

Janesville, Wis., Dec. 15.—The tobacco warehouse of Joseph Grindy was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. The loss is nearly \$60,000.

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GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

London, Dec. 16.—The education bill passed its third reading yesterday in the house of lords.

Pekin, Dec. 16.—Lieutenant General Miles has telegraphed from Yokohama that he will arrive here Dec. 26 and inspect the legation guard.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—It is now reported that Count von Buelow, the imperial chancellor, will be elevated to the rank of prince by Emperor William, after the successful completion of the commercial treaties.

Havana, Dec. 16.—A delegation, headed by General Maximo Gomez, waited upon President Palma yesterday and requested that no further prosecutions be brought against the men who were concerned in the recent strike. President Palma promised to consider the matter.

Manila, Dec. 16.—The court martial which is to try Major Edwin F. Glenn, of the Fifth Infantry, has decided to summon Generals Chaffee and Smith from the United States to testify as to orders given during the conduct of the campaign on the island of Samar and to the character of the campaign waged there.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, Dec. 16.—The British consul here has been notified to enter a protest with the Dominican government in behalf of the West Indian public works against its action in issuing the recent port charges decree, as being inimical to British interests. Politically all is quiet here.

Ex-Minister Dead.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 16.—Sol Hirsch, ex-United States minister to Turkey, died at noon yesterday.

Dr. Coope Dead.

Oil City, Pa., Dec. 15.—Dr. A. F. Coope, aged 58 years, died suddenly at his rooms in the Arlington hotel shortly before 6 o'clock last evening from hemorrhage of the brain. He has practiced surgery and medicine here since 1870 and was widely known throughout Western Pennsylvania.